

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) In a construction system for a structure, the structure being formed of manufactured units, an improvement to the construction system comprising:

manufactured units that are approximately at least majority-finished at a site distant the building site of the structure, the approximately at least majority-finished manufactured units assembled together to form the structure at the building site; and

a floor/ceiling assembly locatable between vertically adjacent units, the floor/ceiling assembly incorporating a sound attenuation member.

2. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 1, wherein the floor/ceiling assembly comprises:

structural members with top and bottom flanges wherein the sound attenuation member in communication with the bottom flanges;

a floor in communication with the top flanges; and

a ceiling in communication with either or both of the top flanges and the sound attenuation member.

3. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 1, wherein the floor/ceiling assembly comprises:

a balcony portion that is open to the environment upon construction of the structure; and

an interconnection system enabling the connection of units at the building site, which interconnection assembly does not significantly inhibit the finishing of the units at a site distant the building site of the structure.

4. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 3, the interconnection system being a non-welding connection means.

5. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 1 further comprising a stabilization assembly erected at the building site, the stabilization assembly providing a stable construction assembly to which the units can be attached during construction of the structure.

6. (previously presented) In a construction system for a structure, the structure being formed of manufactured units, an improvement to the construction system comprising:

manufactured units that are approximately at least majority-finished at a site distant the building site of the structure, the approximately at least majority-finished manufactured units assembled together to form the structure at the building site; and

a load-bearing assembly for a unit, the load-bearing assembly to transfer at least a majority of the loads of the structure, thus freeing the walls of the units from such load transfer, enabling the walls of the units to be approximately at least majority-finished distant from the building site of the structure.

7. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 6, the load-bearing assembly comprising:

load-bearing members; and

connection subassemblies to connect the load-bearing members of two adjacent units.

8. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 7, the load-bearing members being at least approximately vertical members and the connection subassemblies connecting the at least approximately vertical members of two vertically adjacent units.

9. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 8, the vertical members of the load-bearing assembly being of unitary size.

10. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 6 further comprising a stabilization assembly erected at the building site, the stabilization assembly providing a stable construction assembly to which the units can be attached during construction of the structure.

11. (previously presented) In a construction system for a structure, the structure being formed of manufactured units, an improvement to the construction system comprising:

manufactured units that are approximately at least majority-finished at a site distant the building site of the structure, the approximately at least majority-finished manufactured units assembled together to form the structure at the building site; and

a temporary roof assembly to protect the approximately at least majority-finished unit during transit to the building site, the temporary roof assembly removable from the unit prior to completion of the structure.

12. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 11, the temporary roof assembly including a lifting assembly by which the unit can be lifted and placed during construction of the structure;

the temporary roof assembly maintaining the structural integrity of the unit during the stressful lifting process at the building site, and providing rigidity to the unit during transit in order offset the stresses of racking and shearing during such transport.

13. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 11 further comprising a load-bearing assembly for a unit, the load-bearing assembly to transfer at least a majority of the loads of the structure, thus freeing the walls of the units from such load transfer, enabling the walls of the units to be approximately at least majority-finished distant from the building site of the structure;

the temporary roof assembly being attached to the load-bearing assembly adding strength and rigidity to the units during transit to the building site.

14. (previously presented) The construction system of Claim 11 further comprising a stabilization assembly erected at the building site, the stabilization assembly providing a stable construction assembly to which the units can be attached during construction of the structure.